



# Algebra 1

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## Class Materials

- ✓ **TextBook-** *Algebra 1* by Prentice Hall (Common Core 2012)
- ✓ **Pencil(s)-** we make mistakes in math, so we do not want to use pen!
- ✓ **Calculator-** (required minimum: TI-30 XS Multi-View. If you can afford one, a graphing calculator is worth the investment. Recommended: TI-84 Plus or TI-Nspire CX)
- ✓ **Spiral notebook** and **Folder** for only math materials! May use separate math binder as well.  
\*\*\*You may want to have a ruler, compass, protractor and color pencils at home.

## Online Textbook information

An online version of the student textbook is available. You will need to go to my website for the code located under "Algebra 1-2". Then go to [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) and click *Register*. This link is also on my site. Enter the code for your class period. Follow the instructions to register. Use your first name and last name as your user name (ex: Bob Smith as bobsmith) and your ID# for your password. This will ensure you will remember it. At the end of the registration process, the SuccessNet login page appears. Log in by typing your username and password. **THIS ALLOWS YOU TO KEEP YOUR BOOK AT SCHOOL AND STILL WORK AT HOME!!!**

One of the reasons for this is homework is vitally important to this course. It allows you **explore** the skills you learned from that day, **prepare** for the assessments, and most importantly **a chance to make mistakes**. I do not expect you to get every question perfect, though I do expect that you **try** all problems, and write down what your difficulties are. I expect that if you cannot get a problem, you move on and try the next one. This is what will be required to get credit on your homework, but we will talk about that more later on.

## Classroom rules/expectations

### Expectations:

- Everyone can succeed in this class!
- Ask questions early and often when you do not understand something!
- Be prepared with your materials every day!
- Do your homework **ON TIME!!** It is important to practice! **THIS INCLUDES SHOWING WORK!!!!**
- Come in for help if you are struggling!
- Communicate!
- Be prepared for assessments!
- Keep an open mind about math, You may not understand it..... YET!
- We will have fun in this class!

## Rules:

- Be on time!!! This means in your seat ready to go when the bell rings.
- Follow directions.
- Respect others and their property--- Including substitutes!
- Wear ID badge at **ALL TIMES!**
- No food or drink allowed in class, except for water in bottles.
- Bathroom and locker passes are given at teacher's discretion.
- Do your own work (don't plagiarize or cheat!!)
- Follow dress code!
- No electronic devices should be out in the classroom. Cell phones turned off, mp3 players/i-pods away **INCLUDING** headphones!
- If you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to find out what you missed. Come speak to me outside of class, talk to a neighbor, etc.

## Assessments/Grading policy

### ***NEW NEW NEW - Grading Scale This Year – NEW NEW NEW***

100% = 5.0 = A+	89% = 3.9 = B+	79% = 2.9 = C+	69% = 1.9 = D+	≤ 59% = ≤ .9 = E
≥ 92% = 4.2 = A	≥ 82% = 3.2 = B	≥ 72% = 2.2 = C	≥ 62% = 1.2 = D	
≥ 90% = 4.0 = A-	≥ 80% = 3.0 = B-	≥ 70% = 2.0 = C-	≥ 60% = 1.0 = D-	

### ***Semester Grade:***

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. = 45%

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. = 45%

Semester Exam = 10%\*\*\*

### ***Weights for Quarter Grades:***

Tests, Quizzes, & Projects = 70%

Homework = 30%

\*\*\* Due to district standards, this could change at some point during the school year.

**Tests:** Tests will roughly follow each chapter. The only thing you will be able to use on tests is a note card or another specified document. All students will be allowed to retake each unit test **one time** if remediation occurs. Type of remediation will be determined by the teacher.

**Quizzes:** There will be 1-2 quizzes per chapter. Most quizzes will be announced but be prepared for possible "pop" quizzes. You will be allowed to use your notes and homework on quizzes.

**Homework:** Homework will be **daily** and checked at the beginning of each class. Homework will be worth 4 points each and is broken down as followed:

All completed = 4 pts

¾ completed = 3 pts.

½ completed = 2 pts.

¼ completed = 1 pt.

None completed = 0 pts.

***ALL HOMEWORK MUST HAVE WORK SHOWN TO COUNT!!!***

\*\*\*The teacher reserves the right to collect homework and grade it on occasion as well\*\*\*

Late homework will be accepted **up to the day of the unit test for full credit.**

## Excused Absences/Late Work

- In the event you are absent, you will have as many days you were gone to make up the work you missed.
- It is ***your responsibility*** to get missed assignments. There will be a folder in the classroom that will have any worksheets that were passed out. Any other assignments would be on your assignment sheet given at the beginning of the chapter.
- Any absence that you know of in advance, be sure to let me know as soon as possible before hand.

## ***Resources:***

Please remember that you are not on this journey alone. Use all your resources.

When you get stumped, try:

- *Looking back at your notes!*
- *Using your tools (ruler, compass, protractor, calculator, etc.).*
- *Check my website [www.thomasgallagher.wikispaces.com](http://www.thomasgallagher.wikispaces.com).*
- *Email me: [thomasgallagher@u-46.org](mailto:thomasgallagher@u-46.org).*
- *See me during office hours.*
- *Try to enter your topic into youtube, brightstorm.com or khanacademy.com and see if any videos help you out!*
- *Write down what you didn't understand and skip to the next problem and ask the question in class.*
- *Do ANYTHING besides NOTHING!!!*

## *Tips for Success*

- Study throughout a chapter, rather than cramming right before the test.
- Recognize that there is more than one way to solve most problems.
- When solving a word problem, read it, decide what to do, make a plan, look back at the problem, and revise your answer.
- Recognize when you are lost and seek help BEFORE a test.
- Reread test questions before answering them.
- Check to see if your answers are reasonable.
- Relax during the test.... There is nothing new on it because you have already seen it all.

## ***A note to parents/guardians:***

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime. I update grades as often as possible and will have them posted online. There is an assignment almost **every night** and they are given an assignment sheet at the beginning of each chapter. Copies of the syllabus and assignment sheets can be found on my website. If there is anything else I can do to help ensure that your child has a successful and knowledgeable year please feel free to contact me.